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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . April 12, the President approved a bill continuing CCC as a Government agency through June 30, 1947, increasing its borrowing power by one billion 750 thousand dollars and permitting continuation of certain subsidies on agricultural products. April 18, the Senate passed a bill clarifying the Tydings amendment regarding farm labor deferments (the bill will now be returned to the House for action on a Senate amendment); the House Foreign Affairs Committee reported a joint resolution providing for United States membership in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. April 19, the Senate passed the 1946 agriculture appropriation bill (the bill will now be sent to conference committee); the Senate agreed to the conference report on the deficiency appropriation bill which carries an appropriation for restoration of Commodity Credit Corporation's capital impairment (the bill will now be sent to the President).

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A WAR JOB IN YOUR OWN HOME is the illustrated slogan on a new 6-page folder on salvage of used fats. This direct appeal is made to housewives: "An urgent need for 250 million pounds of used household fats to add to our fats and oils supplies makes it necessary for the Government to call on you--the housewives of America--to aid in a vital war program." The housewife's part of the job, why used fats are vitally needed, and what is done with the fats turned in are some of the topics covered. Copies of this folder (AWI-114) may be obtained from the Office of Information.

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OPA AFTER V-E DAY. . . . The end of the war in Europe does not mean the end of World War II. As long as war demands remain coupled with high purchasing power, many commodities will continue relatively scarce. The only answer to scarcity is more civilian production, and until that can be brought about, there can be no let up in the fight against inflation. To keep these facts before the public, OPA will emphasize the job of price control in relation to V-E day, the week of April 22; of rationing, the week of April 29. OPA is also suggesting that the V-E Day theme be worked in with May point-change information, scheduled for announcement that week.

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CONSUMER TIME listeners on April 28 will find out what foods are shipped to the Caribbean Islands from the United States, how they are shipped, what we receive from them, etc. The pick-up will be made from a ship in San Juan, Puerto Rico, while its cargo from the United States is being unloaded. The Captain of the ship, Harwood Hull of the San Juan WFA offices, Roy Schroeder, Director of WFA's Office of Supply in Puerto Rico, and some WFA inspection and transportation official will assist in telling the story. Because of memorial services to the President last Saturday, the Consumer Time schedule has been changed slightly. On May 5, the program about farming announced in our April 7 Calendar for April 21 will be used, the title being: "Is it your secret desire too?"

GRAIN LOANS MATURE APRIL 30. . . . CCC loans on wheat, barley, rye, and grain sorghums will mature April 30. This year loans will not be extended beyond the maturity date. Loans on farm-stored grain may be liquidated by paying the amount of the loan plus interest or by delivering the grain to CCC at bin sites or approved warehouses. On warehouse-stored grains, if loans are not liquidated before April 30 by repayment of the loan plus interest, the warehouse receipts securing the loans will become the property of CCC.

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All of the 1944 wheat crop under loan May 1, will be bought by CCC at parity prices less all carrying charges to the end of the storage year. This purchase price will be the amount loaned plus 15 cents per bushel. Any cash advanced on farm-stored wheat will be deducted from the final purchase price.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Wages for picking summer apples and general orchard work in Washington--668; Farm labor report--673; Wheat flour export sales under export program of CCC--686; Post-war foreign trade program for agriculture--691; the Farmer's Interest in Foreign trade (testimony by Wickard before foreign trade subcommittee)--694; Irish Potato shipping restriction lifted--697; 1945 price support program for rye--710.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST. . . . Specific maximum prices on sales of wheat futures at futures contract markets announced--OPA-T-3125; Increased ceiling prices for Florida and Texas white potatoes--OPA-5485; Changes in regulation governing maximum prices of live cattle and calves announced--OPA-T-3139; Lamb producers industry advisory committee appointed--OPA-T-3136; Ceiling price established for sales of Maryland tobacco grown in 1944--OPA-5488; Ceiling price of Texas onions increased--OPA-5494; Ceiling prices established for new varieties of rice--OPA-T-3130; Notice to growers of proposed maximum prices for certified and war approved seed potatoes and onion sets of the 1945 crops--OPA-5496; OPA must approve commercial processor of legume and grass seeds--OPA-T-3148; Domestic cigar filler and binder tobacco regulation clarified and amended--OPA-T-3152.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Growing Sweet Corn for the Cannery, Farmer's Bulletin No. 1634, 18 pp.; Some Plain Facts about the Forest, Misc. Pub. No. 543, 22 pp.; Growing Vegetables in Town and City, Misc. Pub. No. 538, 40 pp.; The Work of the U. S. Forest Service, Misc. Pub. No. 290, 32 pp.; Rev. January 1945; A Post-War Foreign Trade Program for U. S. Agriculture, AIS-15, 26 pp.; Part-time Farming, Farmer's Bulletin No. 1966, 18 pp.

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DEPARTMENT MEN RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES. . . . Honorary Doctor of Science degrees are being conferred today by the Colorado A & M College upon Percy Nicol Annand, Chief of the USDA's Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, and Harry Dean Cochrane, Chief of the Division of Personnel for the U. S. Forest Service.

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SECRETARY WICKARD PRESENTED TESTIMONY to the Foreign Trade Subcommittee of the Senate Small Business Committee on April 18. "First of all", he said, "foreign trade provides a market for those farm products we normally produce in greater volume than we can consume at home. Cotton and wheat and tobacco are good examples.

"Second, foreign trade--the two-way kind of trade which makes imports just as valuable to us as exports--enables farmers to get better value for their income. . . . Farmers have a third interest which is just as important as the other two even though its benefit may seem somewhat indirect. This is their stake in the increased consumption of agricultural products here at home as a result of the higher level of employment which foreign trade maintains for the manufacturer of exported industrial products." He referred to the Dumbarton Oaks Proposal, the Reciprocal Trade Agreements, the Bretton Woods proposals, and multilateral international commodity arrangements such as the International Wheat Agreement as holding great promise for increasing world trade, which in turn means so much to the farmers of the United States.

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ON THE RADIO TIMETABLE. . . . 9:30 a.m., April 28 on the CBS COUNTRY JOURNAL program--H. R. Tolley, Chief of BAE, will discuss "The Farmer's Stake in World Cooperation." . . . Monday evening, April 23, on CAVALCADE OF AMERICA (NBC network)--a dramatized show entitled "WEAPON 4-H" about food production by 4-H Club members--8:00, EWT; 7:00, CWT; 8:30, FWT; 9:30, MWT.

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QUESTIONS ON INSECT CONTROL will be answered by W. H. White of E&PQ on YOUR HOME AND GARDEN show, April 28. This featured guest speaker is one of the authors of the popular Victory Gardeners' Handbook on Insects and Diseases, Misc. Publication No. 525. Ruth Van Deman, Ernie Moore, and Duke DuMars will be on hand as usual.

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ANOTHER "TIMELY FARM TOPICS" PLATTER is scheduled for cutting April 24. Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars will discuss "What's new in potatoes" on one side, on the other side Tom Stitts of OMS and Wallace Kadderly will discuss the 8-point dairy program, particularly the need for maintaining production of milk.

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MAGAZINES COOPERATE IN DEPARTMENT'S HOME CANNING CAMPAIGN. . . . Responding to the Department's appeal for help in promoting home food preservation in 1945, 16 magazines, including most of those with nationwide circulation, have agreed to help. Here is a list of the magazines that will carry articles on home food preservation during the next few months: American Cookery, Better Homes and Gardens, The Camp Fire Girl, Capper's Farmer, Country Gentleman, Girl Scout magazines (The Leader, and the Lone Troop Bulletin); Good Housekeeping, Household Magazine, Journal of the American Dietetic Association, McCall's, Seventeen, Southern Agriculturist, The Southern Planter, What's New in Home Economics, Woman's Day, and Ladies' Home Journal.

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